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Benita Quakenbush-Roberts and Gary Roberts have applied to the Cache County Planning Commission for a conditional use permit to convert a single family residence at 7852 W. 600 North, Petersboro, Utah to commercial use as a residential treatment facility for adolescent girls with eating disorders.

The proposed facility will house 12 girls ages 12 - 17, year-round, 24 hours a day, plus a staff of 15 employees, with plans to expand to 26 employees during the first four years. In addition, the facility will house the Roberts family of four. The Roberts also plan to keep and care for numerous horses and dogs at the facility for their therapeutic program.

This residence only has a single family domestic well water right. It does not have any stock water rights.

Based on our research, under the regulations of the state of Utah, the proposed facility must obtain additional water rights of approximately 1 to 1.5 acre feet for the planned commercial use. The existing single family domestic water right would be adequate for the Roberts family only. In addition, a stock watering right must be obtained for the proposed animals.

The current drought conditions in Cache County and the inadequate water flows of some Petersboro wells underscore the importance of careful observance to existing water rights and water right regulations of our state and local government. We ask the division of water rights to make sure that the Roberts will not use water above and beyond their legal water rights.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark and Tania Stewart

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